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pre·ven·ient  (prĭ-vĕn yənt)

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adj.

1. Coming before; preceding.
2. Expectant; anticipatory.

[Latin *praeveniēns*, *praevenient-*, present participle of *praevenīre*, to precede : *prae-*, pre- + *venīre*, to come; see **g^{wa}**-[in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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